

Amendments to House Bill No. 2
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Requested by Representative Bill Beck

For the House Appropriations Committee

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1. Page B-4.

Following: line 15

Insert: "n. Grants to County Health Boards in Counties With
Proliferation of Tremolite Asbestos-Related Diseases
(Restricted/Biennial/OTO)

750,000 750,000 [general fund FY08 and FY09]

o. Asbestos-Related Diseases Administration (Restricted/OTO)

41,729 33,199" [general fund FY08 and FY09]

2. Page B-11.

Following: line 21

Insert: "Funding for Asbestos-Related Diseases Administration
includes funding for an annual report to the children,
families, health, and human services interim committee on
the number of participants assisted through the grant
program, the amount of funding needed by each participant,
and the estimated funding needed to pay future costs of
participants."

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Explanation - This amendment provides \$1.5 million general fund restricted, biennial, one-time-only appropriation to provide funding to county health boards funding in counties with proliferation of tremolite asbestos-related diseases. The funding will be used to provide benefits to individuals exposed to asbestos and supplements health care needs of those individuals with asbestos-related diseases who have limited funding. The one-time-only designation is made due potential for other funding from either ongoing litigation with W.R. Grace & Company and or federal funding for asbestos-related diseases.

It also provides administrative costs of \$74,928 which are restricted and one-time-only.